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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 2765

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Examiner: H. Kazimi

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For: A MARKETING SYSTEM AND METHOD PROCESSING MARKET INFORMATION
OF CONSUMERS AND DEALERS VIA A NETWORK

LETTER TO EXAMINER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants will file a Preliminary Amendment shortly after the Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request filed herewith. If the Examiner has not received the Preliminary Amendment by the time that the application is taken up for examination, please contact the undersigned by telephone to arrange for delivery of a copy of the Preliminary Amendment.



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Respectfully submitted,

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